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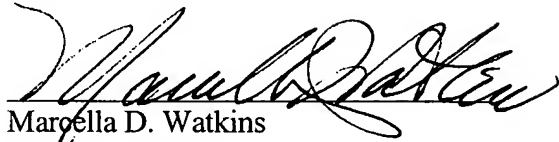
U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/266,405, filed October 10, 2002, entitled "Rare Earth Metals as Oxidative Dehydrogenation Catalysts."

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